

## Youthful Drivers

Table 35 shows the crashes involving youthful drivers. Youthful drivers are drivers ages 15 to 19. In 2007, more than one out of every four crashes involved a youthful driver. In 2007, youthful drivers were involved in 2.6 times as many crashes as you would expect them to be and were 2.9 times as likely as all other drivers to be involved in a crash.

<b>Table 35</b> <b>Crashes Involving Youthful Drivers (15 to 19 Years Old): 2003-2007</b>							
	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>Change 2006-2007</b>	<b>Avg. Change 2003-2006</b>
Total Crashes	7,368	7,408	7,309	6,216	6,734	8.3%	-5.2%
Fatalities	45	39	38	38	42	10.5%	-5.3%
Serious Injuries	354	376	377	403	426	5.7%	4.5%
Visible Injuries	1,478	1,258	1,156	1,233	1,127	-8.6%	-5.4%
Possible Injuries	2,498	2,479	2,471	2,342	2,234	-4.6%	-2.1%
Drivers 15-19 in Fatal & Serious Injury Crashes	328	335	326	339	374	10.3%	1.1%
% of all Drivers in Fatal & Serious Injury Crashes	14.3%	13.8%	13.5%	14.1%	14.9%	5.4%	-0.3%
Licensed Drivers 15-19	65,605	65,391	66,637	66,038	65,173	-1.3%	0.2%
% of Total Licensed Drivers	7.1%	6.9%	6.6%	6.6%	6.3%	-3.2%	-2.6%
Driver Involvement Rate*	2.01	2.01	2.04	2.15	2.34	8.8%	2.3%
Teen Drivers in Fatal Crashes	38	36	35	35	36	2.9%	-2.7%
Impaired Teen Drivers in Fatal Crashes	10	8	10	7	9	28.6%	-8.3%
% of Youthful Drivers Involved in Fatal Crashes that were Impaired	26.3%	22.2%	28.6%	20.0%	25.0%	25.0%	-5.7%
<i>*The Driver Involvement Rate is the percent of drivers involved in fatal and serious injury Crashes divided by percent of licensed drivers. Over-representation occurs when the value is greater than 1.0.</i>							

While 69% of all crashes involving youthful drivers occurred in urban areas, 91% of the fatal crashes involving youthful drivers occurred in rural areas.

In 2007, the economic cost of crashes involving youthful drivers was \$604.1 million dollars. This represents 21% of the total cost of crashes (as shown in Table 4).